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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of <u>Minoru SUZUKI and Hironobu SUZUKI</u> for <u>PERITONEAL DIALYSIS APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF</u>.

[ ] Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

[ ] Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure _ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

[X] Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: <u>TERUMO KABUSHIKI KAISHA</u>.

Also enclosed are:

[X] __15__ sheet(s) of drawings;

[X] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [ ] hereby made to _ filed in _ on _;

    [X] in the declaration;

[X] a certified copy of the three priority documents;

[ ] a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;

[ ] an Assignment document;

[X] an Information Disclosure Statement;

[ ] a patent application data sheet; and

[ ] Other: _____.

[X] An [X] executed [ ] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)

    [X] also is enclosed [ ] will follow.

[ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

[ ] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence (an executed declaration referencing this amendment is enclosed or will follow):

    [ ] --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _ filed in _ on _; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

    [ ] --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No. _ entitled _ and filed on _, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--.

[ ] --This application is a continuation of International Application No. _ filed on _, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference--.

[X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [ ] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					$750.00 (1001)
Total Claims	19	MINUS 20 =	0	× $18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	11	MINUS 3 =	8	× $84.00 (1201) =	672.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add $280.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					1,422.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee $40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					$1,422.00

[ ] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

[X] A check in the amount of $ _1,422.00_ is enclosed for the fee due.

[X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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